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JUNE 28, 2026 | THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | ARTIST: JUAN DE FLANDES

FROM OUR PRIESTS

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Happy Sunday to you all! When the Bishop called me just over four months ago, he did ask me if I could think of any reason why moving me to be Chaplain at Lansing Catholic would be a bad idea. The best I was able to come up with at the time, and is still true now, is leaving SJB so quickly would make me very sad. Since that is the sentiment of many priests leaving their assignments, I think that the Gospel today really does speak to the sacrifice demanded of priests. This Gospel comes at the end of a whole chapter detailing the commissioning of the Twelve Apostles and Jesus' instruction for their ministry.

This Gospel speaks to my experience, and I think many of yours as well, because my love for you is great and to leave is truly a cross. But, I look ahead with peace and even with joy because I know that the Lord is leading me and calling me, and following after Him I will find the gift of everlasting life. The call to priesthood is a call to obedience, service, and love. Pope St. John Paul II speaks of this call in a 1998 letter to priests on Holy Thursday:

"On the day of our priestly Ordination, we prostrated ourselves on the sanctuary floor. This gesture of deep humility and obedient openness was splendidly designed to ready our soul for the sacramental imposition of hands, through which the Holy Spirit entered us to accomplish his work... Since the solemn invocation of the Holy Spirit and the eloquent gesture of humility during our priestly Ordination, the fiat of the Annunciation has resounded through our life... The priest is called to match the fiat of Mary at all times, allowing himself to be led by the Spirit as she was."

I ask you all to pray for me as I go away, led by the Spirit, to Lansing Catholic High School. Pray for me and for all priests, especially through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary that we may imitate her humility and docility. Also, please pray for an increase in vocations, that all people may hear and respond to God's call in their lives and receive a heavenly reward.

God Bless You, *Fr. Jack*

4TH OF JULY AND DAILY MASS SCHEDULE CHANGES

The Parish Office will be closed on Friday, July 3, in observance of Independence Day. Daily Mass will still be celebrated at 12:15 PM on Friday and 8:00 AM on Saturday.

Beginning **July 6, Confession, Adoration, and 12:15 PM Daily Mass will no longer be offered on Mondays.**

MASS TIMES

Monday	12:15 PM
Tuesday	6:00 PM
Wednesday	8:00 AM
Thursday	8:00 AM
Friday	12:15 PM
Saturday	8:00 AM
	5:00 PM
Sunday	9:00 AM
	11:00 AM

9:00 AM Mass Livestreamed here.

Recitation of the Rosary is held after daily Mass, Wednesday through Saturday.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

In the Adoration Chapel

Monday 11:00 AM-12:00 PM
Tuesday 9:00 AM-5:45 PM
Wednesday 9:00 AM-9:00 PM
Friday 1:00 PM-5:00 PM

ALL-NIGHT ADORATION

First Friday of the Month
Friday, 1:00 PM through
Saturday, 7:45 AM

CONFESSION

Monday	11:00 AM
Tuesday	6:30 PM
Friday	11:00 AM
Saturday	3:30 PM

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A COMMUNITY OF SPIRIT-FILLED
MISSIONARY DISCIPLES OF JESUS

Thank you, Fr. Jack!

Thank you for sharing your first year of priestly ministry with us! We are so grateful for the many ways you have blessed the SJB parish community with your joy, generosity, and servant's heart. May God abundantly bless your ministry at Lansing Catholic.

Love,
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VOICES IN THE WILDERNESS

PARISH CARE & CONNECTION MINISTRY

JOIN A NEW PARISH SERVICE TEAM!

We're forming a team of volunteers to provide meals, visits, gift cards, and practical support to parishioners during seasons of challenge, transition, and celebration. Together, we seek to build intentional relationships and support one another in Christ as faith-filled missionary disciples, bringing care, comfort, and community to others under Mary's mantle.

WAYS TO SERVE

• Meals • Visits • Meal Trains • Gift Card Donations • Fellowship Support

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Let's walk together and strengthen our parish community.

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To learn more or get involved.

MEN'S MINISTRY MORNING

All men are invited to gather on the second Saturday of each month for prayer, fraternity, and discipleship. Together, we'll walk through and discuss Bishop Barron's *Seven Deadly Sins, Seven Lively Virtues*. Whether you've been part of the Men's Breakfast, Exodus 90, or are joining for the first time, you are welcome!

SATURDAY, JULY 11
6:00 AM
DOWNSTAIRS IN THE PLC

WOMEN'S BREAKFAST, HOLY BREWS, AND WORSHIP NIGHT ARE NOW ON SUMMER RECESS.

Thank you for a wonderful year of fellowship, prayer, and community. We look forward to seeing you again this fall!

SJ Beat

ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES FOR PRAYER, FORMATION, AND COMMUNITY AT THE PARISH. INVITE A FRIEND AND DIVE DEEPER INTO DISCIPLESHIP!

JULY'S ALL-NIGHT ADORATION IS CANCELED DUE TO 4TH OF JULY WEEKEND.

Save the Date for our August All-Night Adoration.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 7, 5PM
TO SATURDAY, AUGUST 8, 7:45 AM

SCAN THE QR CODE TO SIGN-UP

Adoration at SJB

DID YOU KNOW WE HAVE ADORATION EVERY WEEK?

Tuesday	Wednesday	Friday
9:00 AM - 5:45 PM	9:00 AM - 9:00 PM	1:00 - 5:00 PM

Eucharistic Adoration can be pivotal for your prayer life. Enjoy the silence, journal, read spiritual literature, pray the rosary, kneel, sit, or stand.

WEEKLY COMMITTED ADORERS NEEDED

Open spots include:

- Tuesdays at 4 PM
- Wednesdays at 7PM & 8PM
- Fridays at 3PM

CONTACT SR. MARY TO SIGN UP AT 734-483-3360 OR SRMARY@YPSICATHOLIC.ORG

"Do you realize that Jesus is there in the Blessed Sacrament expressly for you, for you alone? He burns with the desire to come into your heart!"

-ST. THERESE OF LISIEUX

YOUTH DISCIPLESHIP

At St. John the Baptist, we partner with families to intentionally form youth into joyful missionary disciples. We walk with families and youth in their discipleship journey, offering meaningful opportunities to grow in their faith and belong to a Christ-centered community.

Sign up for our email list to stay up to date on Youth Discipleship Opportunities including Family Faith Formation, Wildfire - Middle School Ministry, and High School Ministry.

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FOOD PANTRY

Through our Food Pantry, St. John the Baptist serves neighbors in need while inviting parishioners to live out Christ's call to love and serve others. Join us in this mission by volunteering, especially if you are bilingual (Spanish-speaking), or by spreading the word to those in need.

FOOD PANTRY HOURS
Thursdays from 6:00–7:30 PM.
Hours may vary during holidays.

SCAN THE QR CODE TO VOLUNTEER & LEARN MORE.

CAMPUS MINISTRY

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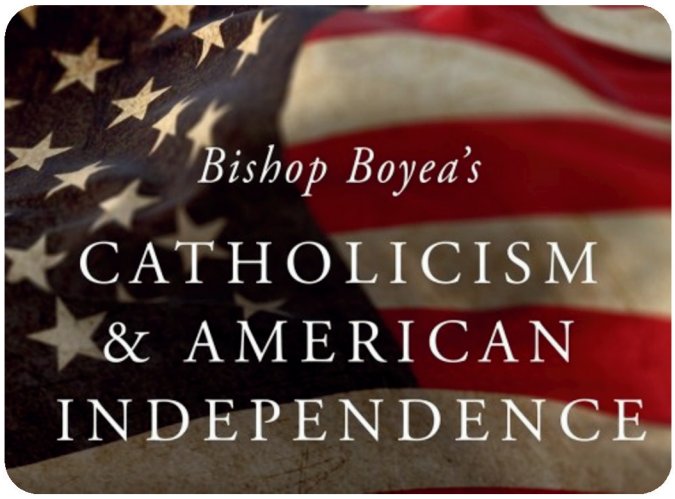
EAST MICHIGAN PANTHERS - CHRISTIAN SOCCER LEAGUE

Registration is open for East Michigan Panthers fall soccer programs! Opportunities include co-ed Panther Cubs (Grades K–5) and competitive boys' Middle School, JV, and Varsity teams. The girls' program (Grades 6–12) competes in the spring.

For schedules and registration information, scan the QR Code to visit the website.
Questions? Contact Clare at 734-604-1545 or empanthers.info@gmail.com.



BISHOP BOYEA'S CATHOLICISM & AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE SERIES

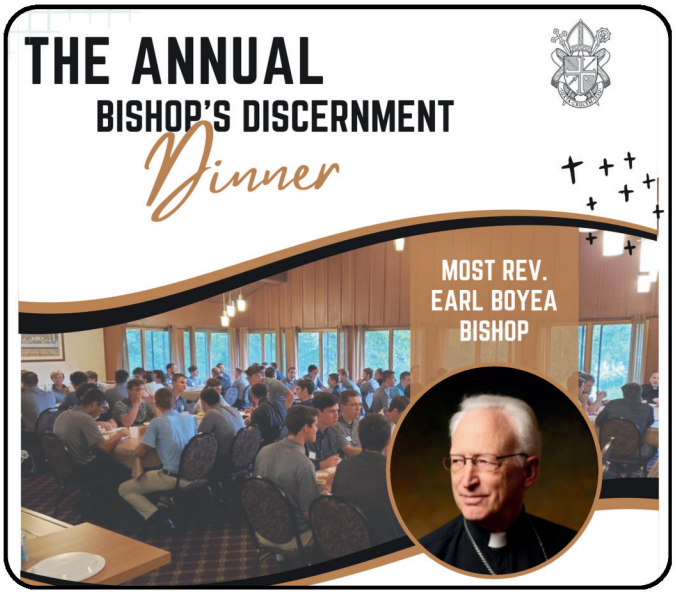
This July 2026 we will be celebrating the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence of the United States of America. While Catholics were very few in number in North America back then, they did have a presence. Join Bishop Earl Boyea over the next seven weeks as he reflects on the lives of our fathers and mothers in the faith in what today is the United States.

SCAN THE QR CODE TO WATCH THE SERIES ON YOUTUBE!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - NIGHT OF VOCATIONS AT THE BALLPARK

Join the Knights of Columbus for Family Night, a celebration of vocations! Each year, approximately 2,000 Catholics from the Diocese of Lansing gather to honor vocations to the priesthood, religious life, and diaconate while cheering on the Lansing Lugnuts. Tickets are $13. For tickets contact the Lugnuts Box Office at 517-485-4500 or for groups call 517-852-2582 and mention this special night.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8
7:00 PM
JACKSON FIELD, LANSING, MI



2026 BISHOP'S DISCERNMENT DINNER

Have you ever wondered if God might be calling you to the priesthood? Come learn more about seminary life and discernment. Bishop Boyea invites you to join him on Sunday, August 16, 2026, for an evening that includes a talk on priestly discernment, a Q&A with priests and seminarians, and a BBQ dinner.

If you are interested in attending, please contact Fr. Dan at frdk@ypsicatholic.org or Jacob Gjernes at youth@ypsicatholic.org to let them know you're coming. They would love to see you there and help you take the next step in your discernment.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16
4:00 PM
ST. FRANCIS RETREAT CENTER

WHAT THE CHURCH TEACHES

The "What the Church Teaches" series is our answer to OCIA. Whether you're exploring the Catholic faith or a lifelong Catholic looking to go deeper, you're warmly invited to join us.

June 29th....Science is Daughter of Church/Catholic Scientists

July 27th....Messianic Old Testament Prophecies

SCAN THE QR CODE
FOR THE FULL SUMMER SCHEDULE.

NEEDED, WANTED, & AVAILABLE

Nanny Needed - Steven and Theresa Anderson are seeking a nanny Monday to Thursday for their two girls with guaranteed hours starting in September. Please text or call Theresa at 248-804-4886 if interested. Thank you and God Bless!

Reading Specialist Needed - Huron Valley Catholic School in Ypsilanti is seeking a full-time Reading Specialist (K–8) for the 2026–27 school year. Candidates should have experience in literacy instruction, a commitment to the Science of Reading, and support for the mission of Catholic education. Training in — or willingness to be trained in — BrainSpring Phonics First and Word Revelation is preferred. Please send resume and cover letter to Tim Kotyuk at tkotyuk@hvcatholicschool.org.

K-8 Principal Needed - Huron Valley Catholic School in Ypsilanti is seeking a full-time Principal to serve as a faithful and mission-driven servant leader for our Catholic school community. The ideal candidate is a practicing Catholic with a passion for Catholic education, academic excellence, and forming students in faith and virtue through a sacramental life. Leadership, teaching, and administrative experience preferred. Interested candidates should submit an online application through the Diocese of Lansing website, along with a curriculum vitae and letter of introduction. Questions may be directed to Pete Burak at pburak10@gmail.com or Tim Kotyuk at tkotyuk@hvcatholicschool.org.

SACRAMENTS

MATRIMONY
Couples should contact the parish office to inquire about Marriage Formation as soon as they are engaged.

BAPTISM
Parents are required to complete preparation and must be registered parishioners for at least three months. Pre-registration is required. Please call the parish office for more information.

LAY MINISTER INFORMATION
If you are interested in serving as a Liturgical Minister or wish to update your schedule preferences, please submit your request by email to schedule@ypsicatholic.org.

REQUESTING MASS INTENTIONS
Call or visit the parish office to ask for a special day. Weekday and weekend Masses are available. The stipend for a Mass intention is $10. Mass cards are also available.

ANNOINTING OF THE SICK
Please call the parish office for more information.

FUNERALS
Please call the parish office for more information.

OFFICE PHONE
734-483-3360

JOIN US IN PRAYING FOR...

Jake Meyer
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Caroline Stramecky
Rebecca McKenzie
Fred Hall
Tom Moffit
Ben Hunt
Susan Jose
Barb Stimach
Bob Zukowski
Valerie Elizando-Lopez
Doreen Pierce

Please call the parish office if you would like to add a name to the intercessions for healing or for those serving in the armed forces. Names remain on the list for four weeks unless you request an extension.

Our Book of Petitions is also available in the Gathering Space, and these intentions are prayed for at every Mass.

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, JUNE 29TH
12:15 PM: For us as Christians to grow as Ambassadors for Christ
Requested by Melissa Florian

TUESDAY, JUNE 30TH
6:00 PM: Intentions of Dcn. Wayne Charlton on the Anniversary of his Ordination
Requested by Dcn. Wayne

WEDNESDAY, JULY 1ST
8:00 AM: Intentions of Phil Brannigan
Requested by Eileen Meyer

THURSDAY, JULY 2ND
8:00 AM: † Matilde Martinez
Requested by Alicia & Anna Pear

FRIDAY, JULY 3RD
12:25 PM: Increase in Vocations

SATURDAY, JULY 4TH
8:00 AM: Intentions of Melissa Florian
Requested by Melissa Florian

5:00 PM: Intentions of Ken & Barbera Matthews
Requested by Anonymous

SUNDAY, JULY 5TH
9:00 AM: People of the Parish

11 AM: † John Scerbak
Requested by David & Sue Stolarski

SAINT JUNÍPERO SERRA

Feast Day: July 1, 2026

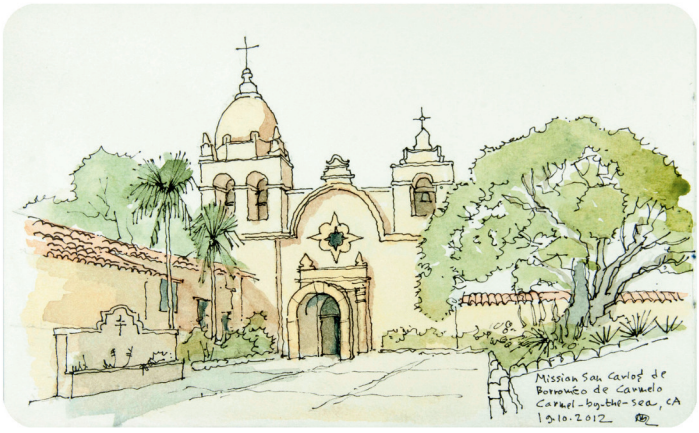
On November 24, 1713, Miguel José Serra was born into a family of farmers in Petra on the island of Majorca, Spain. He attended a primary school led by Franciscans and showed himself to be a great student. When he was 15, his parents sent him to Palma, where he attended classes in philosophy at a Franciscan monastery. In 1730, he entered the Convento de Jesús as a novice, making his profession a year later. He took the name Junípero in memory of St. Francis' companion. In 1738, he was ordained a priest around the age of 25. He studied theology and philosophy at Lullian University in Palma, obtaining his doctorate in 1742.

Junípero was called to become a missionary, so he sailed to the coast of Mexico and traveled 250 miles on foot to Mexico City. Shortly after he arrived, the urgent need for volunteers to assist with the Sierra Gorda missions came about, and Junípero became a volunteer. From 1750 to 1758, he worked with the Pame people. During that time he oversaw the construction of a church, and during his tenure as president of the missions, four other towns also built churches. He learned the Otomí language to better serve as a missionary. This greatly helped his mission of bringing the Pame people into the Christian faith. His mission work later took him into northern California.

Junípero was known as a very zealous and active person. He preferred to teach in a hands-on way outside of the classroom. As a missionary, these traits helped him over the years, as he was able to establish nine missions throughout modern-day California. On August 28, 1784, he died at the Mission San Carlos Borromeo de Carmel, near Monterey. He is buried there under the floor of the sanctuary. His feast day is celebrated on July 1, and he is the patron saint of California, Hispanic Americans, and religious vocations.

"always go forward and never turn back."

-St. Junípero Serra



st. junípero, pray for us!

Article Written by Anna Njoku

LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE
JULY 4TH & JULY 5TH

SATURDAY 5:00 PM	SUNDAY 9:00 AM	SUNDAY 11:00 AM
USHERS		
Jeff Decker	Angela Parrinello	Steve Uram
Need Volunteer	Christine Sullivan	Aimee Uram-Taylor
Need Volunteer	Need Volunteer	John Urbanic
Need Volunteer	Need Volunteer	Carol Wack
GREETERS		
Rebecca Thomason	John Belleba	Need Volunteer
Need Volunteer	Need Volunteer	Need Volunteer
LECTORS		
Melissa Florian	Patricia Gillay	David Stolarski
Maggie Sell	Sarah Scholl	Mike Weathers
SACRISTAN		
Natalie Klackle	Lucy Shaw	Judy Ramirez
ALTAR SERVERS		
Adrian Anderson	Damien Dahl	Henry Meyer
Need Volunteer	Lawrence Okpala	Roger Meyer
Need Volunteer	Scott Wells	Thomas Meyer

LAY MINISTERS ARE NEEDED TO SERVE AT OUR MASSES. IF YOU'D LIKE TO SERVE AND RECEIVE TRAINING, CONTACT SR. MARY AT SRMARY@YPSICATHOLIC.ORG.

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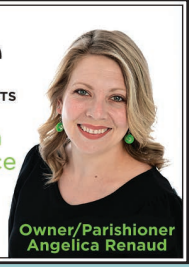
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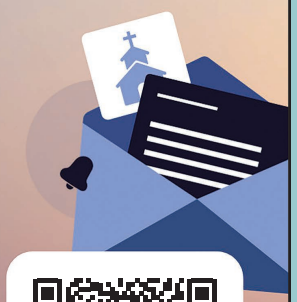

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